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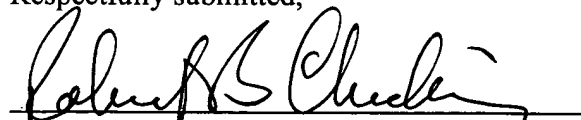
This Application relies on the earlier filing date of prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/900,505 filed July 5, 2001, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/653,679 filed September 1, 2000, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/323,571 filed June 1, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,112,923), and U.S. Patent Application No. 08/904,878 filed August 1, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,913,437) under 35 U.S.C. § 120. It is understood that the Examiner will consider information that was submitted to or cited by the Office in such prior applications. Notice of April 20, 1992, 1138 OG 37-41, at 37; M.P.E.P. § 609 (A)(2). Copies of documents previously submitted to or cited by the Office in the prior application are not required to be provided in this application and thus are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d). Accordingly, all references, except U.S. Patent No. 5,775,527 to BÖSL *et al.*, have been previously submitted and are thus not attached.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below: An English language abstract for German Patent No. DE 39 12 137 A1 is attached hereto.

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